

HOUSE RESOLUTION 111

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church upon their 185th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church comprise one such congregation; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1820, the Boatyard Congregation was officially organized as a Presbyterian church and later became known as the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 185th anniversary, the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church is the oldest church in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, the church has a history of serving all walks of people, knowing that all are equal in the eyes of God; early members, all of whom worshipped together, included rich and poor, men and women, free and slave; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to their tireless commitment to Christian service, this estimable congregation has helped thousands of people come to know Jesus Christ and accept him as their Lord and Savior; and

WHEREAS, sharing the love of Christ with their community, the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church has faithfully served God, the Kingsport community, and the good people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and the members

of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate the members of the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church upon their 185th anniversary, commend them for their meritorious service to the people of Tennessee, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.